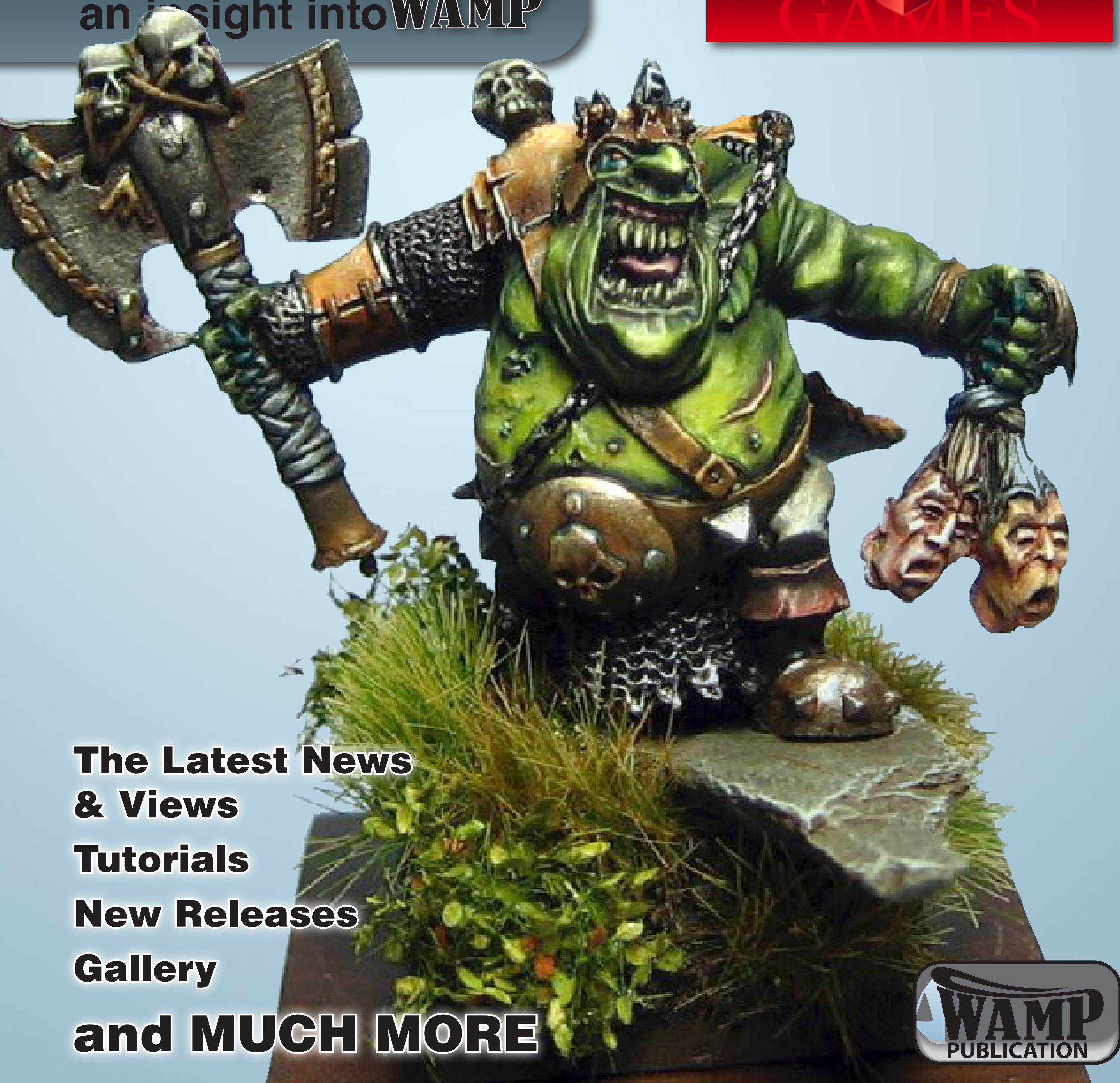
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Welcome to Portal! So the latest Wamp project is up and running. I am pretty excited about this venture and I just hope some of you find it worthwhile.
I must confess that it was not my idea, Shane is in fact the man behind this and its him who must take the credit for all the hard work.
The idea behind portal is pretty simple, the site while far from the biggest is probably per member easily the most active mini-painting forum around which is great but sometimes there's just too much good stuff that people can miss. So why not take some of the best bits and stick it in a nice spangly ezine of mini-painting goodness. Each issue will feature all things mini related from tutorials to interviews to pictures of some lovely minis whether they by wamp contest winners, member submissions or simply new releases from those tempters that try and make us part our hard earned cash.
I have high hopes for the future of Portal and I'm sure it will continue to grow just as Wamp continues to do so and get bigger and better with each issue. This is something you as a reader can help with. Wamp is always hungry for more tutorials, reviews and news that helps make the site interesting so we would love you to share your aspect of the hobby with us. Wamp is open to everybody and its success is driven by the fact it welcomes beginners who chat alongside studio painters and sculptors who are all willing to offer advice in a friendly way without the all too often seen hierarchy that many painting sites suffer from. There's no animosity because you don't collect space marines or you only paint 90mm - it doesn't matter to us - anything mini related is welcomed regardless of scale, genre or manufacturer. Its been said before and it will be said again Wamp is probably the friendliest site for mini-painting around. If your a member then you know this already, if your not a member yet then well, why not come and see what all the fuss is about. You don't even have to register to read all the great stuff on the site (though of course we would love you to join!! you won't regret it!
Wamp is also famous for all its contests - we have just for fun contests, the unique Wamp Ladder and tons of sponsored contests. 2010 will see 19 different companies providing prizes for these contests. We also recently held Little Angels; the largest miniature painting contest ever held - which saw us raise over £2,200 for charity.
Why am I bleating on about the website so much? Well Portal magazine is an extension of Wamp, its like the highlights programme and understanding what Wamp is about may help give you a taste for Portal and what we are trying to achieve.
So if you've read this far well done but I shall shut up now and let you get on with reading this fine little ezine. I hope you enjoy it and if you do, please help us by passing the link onto anyone you think may be interested - its free for everyone and maybe we will welcome some of you new converts to Wamp.

Brett



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# News

Welcome to the first issue of Portal. We hope you like it because it was made for you fellow WAMPers to enjoy. We all know that WAMP is the friendliest miniature painting and gaming community of the internet but one thing we have noticed is that due to the fast turnaround of threads on the site some can get lost in the maelstrom; that is where Portal comes in. It has had been produced to keep the most important, useful and thought provoking threads alive by re-visiting and, we hope, enhancing them in a way that only this type of publication can. If you have any comments or thoughts on how to improve Portal then you can email them to use at portal@wamp-forum.com or be clicking here!

Portal will continue to be produced and available as a free download to all WAMP members as long as you keep posting and we keep growing.

The mag is full of links to usefull places on the net ;-)

## WAMP as seen on TV!






Yesterday OGL and founder of WAMP, Brett Johnson, aka Darklord appeared on TV wearing his beloved WAMP tee shirt. The story he, and his young daughters, appeared in was about passive smoking and how it affects children in the home.

You can watch the latest programme here

## WAMP Monthly XII - Black and White

Its time for the next instalment of the WaMP Monthly! For everyone that is new to this, the contest is held every month for the fun of it. There are no prizes, but it provides the opportunity to test your skills against your fellow Wampers, and you will receive valuable feedback on your entry!

Each competition has a theme, entries are scored out of 20 ( up to 10 points for the theme, and up to 10 points for overall )

Contest rules:

- **Any Wamp member may enter the contest.**
- **You may only enter once per contest.**
- **You may enter any type of miniature, vehicle, building, diorama. Any scale manufacturer, genre.**
- **You may submit only once to the gallery - if you need multiple shots you must create a montage.**
- **You are free to show WIP shots on Wamp or elsewhere.**
- **Your entry must be something not entered for competition before.**
- **The person attaining the lowest score will choose the theme for the next contest from a pre selected shortlist.**
- **Judging will be public.**
- **Rules may be changed if deemed necessary.**
- **If you have any questiuons please contact me.**
- **Entries must be placed in the current monthly contest gallery.**
- **You can tie your Ladder Challenge mini's in with the WaMP Monthly.**

( Sorry Scott :P )

### The deadline for entries will be
### 5 SEPTEMBER 2010

So there you go, have fun and get painting!

## WAMP The last 30 days

### Newest Members

Over the last 30 days we have had a fair few new members join our beloved site. We'd just like to send them a warm WAMPIE welcome and extend a hand in friendship.

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| manic miner | Wiltrichs |

## Staff Change

Due to having too many fingers in hot pies exilesjjb has stepped down from being a reviewer. All is not lost as NetePete steps quickly into his still warm slippers. exilesjjb will return for a last huraah!







## WAMP Monthly Competition

### Skin isn't always PINK

Seven entrants this month and voting was done by forum members with marks out of 10 for theme and painting and twelve people voting.

Many thanks to all who took part and to all those who took the time to vote and comment on the entries.

Results in reverse order are the totals of Theme and Paint Job/Number of votes for that entry = Average Score

Not all girls like pink by Waghorn41: Average = 14.13

Ork big mek by Ogreninja: Average = 14.7

Beware the Old Wood Childe by Mercius: Average = 14.77

Trollblood pyg burrower by MaGie: Average = 15.45

The Beast by Darklord: Average = 15.66

Brutal: True Human Bruiser by Shanerozzell: Average = 16.18

AoW Goblin King by ScottRadom: Average = 16.68




What a contest! Probably the toughest field we have ever seen for one of our special contests. 16 lovely entries that could all have easily made a case for winning some free miniature goodness but alas only 3 can so we must declare our winners.

So without further ado I have great pleasure in naming :

Scottradom! As our new Avatars of War champion with his excellent Goblin King entry. Scott takes home the Arena DeathMatch rulebook (signed by Felix Paniagua) + 3 miniatures of his choice

Just 1 vote separated our runner up from the top honour and a very worthy 2nd place goes to:

PEZ5767! With his fantastic Barbarian. Pez is rewarded for his efforts with the Arena DeathMatch rulebook + 2 miniatures of his choice

The final prize slot was taken by Ulfgrimr! With his lovely Dwarf Thunderlord. He nabs himself 3 miniatures of his choice also.

So there we are folks, as I said a tough contest - I know personally I had trouble choosing from 8 entries down to 3 and for me little things like bases or freehand often made the difference. I want to say a big thank you to Avatars of War for their continued support again this year. They are a fantastic bunch producing fantastic minis, if you haven't tried them yet I recommend you do!

Heres their site: http://www.arena-deathmatch.com/forums/index.php

I also want to thank (without this sounding like the Oscars!) Everyone that took the time to enter, vote, comment or plain old just support the contest. Its you guys that make these things a success and help us gain the sponsorship for events. SO a personal thank you to all of you lovely wampers.

## WAMP Ladder Challenges

### cleen X v. Lost Boy

Theme: "Wolf"
End Date: Aug 9

### Nameless v. MaGie

Theme: "Bean Sidhe"
End Date: Sept. 5

### EldinTux v. Kester

Theme: "Death"
End Date: Sept 4

### Simon.W v. NeatPete

Theme: "A Wyrd Summer"
End Date: July 31

### Exilesjjb v. Waghorn41

Theme: "Light at the end of the tunnel"
End Date: Sept. 5

### Scott Radom vs. Pae

Theme: "Painting Up a Dwarf"
Rnd Date: Aug 21

### Captain Sprout v. Wargriffon

Theme "Yoda v. Yoda"
End Date: Aug 22

### Darklord v Talespinner

Theme: 'Beast'
End Date: Aug 28

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Our current contest sees us return to one of last years sponsors, Ironwind Metals.

They produce some great minis so if you haven't tried them before I recommend you do *(there's probably folk on here that may be able to offer some for swap - just ask)*.

## The Prizes!

**1st place - $40 credit**

**2nd place - $30 credit**

**3rd place - $30 credit**

**The deadline for this contest is**

***6pm GMT 28th August 2010***

**(deadline for supporters is 31st August 2010)**

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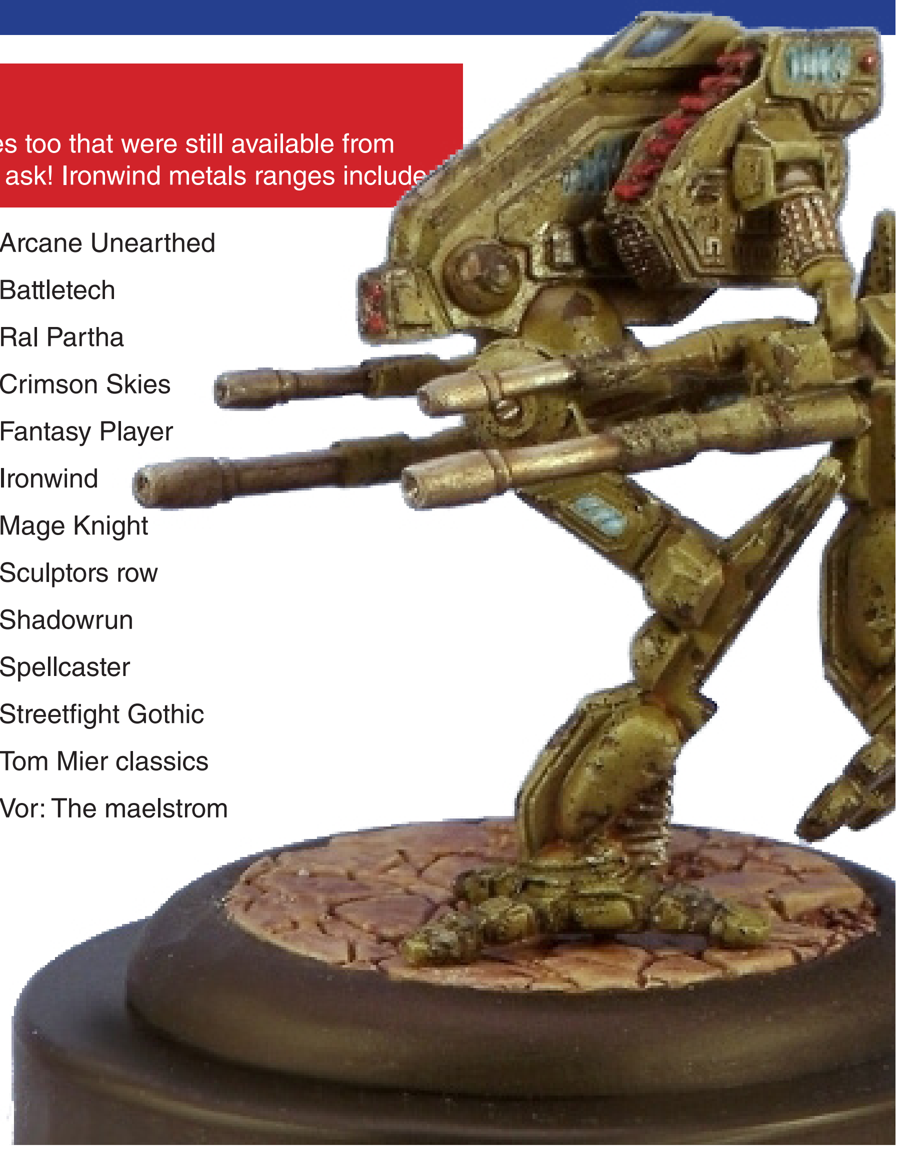
This contest is eligible for Ral partha miniatures too that were still available from Ironwind 6 months ago. If you are unsure then ask! Ironwind metals ranges include:

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- Spellcaster
- Streetfight Gothic
- Tom Mier classics
- Vor: The maelstrom

### The Rules

- You must be a Wamp Member to participate.
- You may enter as many times as you like but each entry may only submit one photograph so if you need more angles it MUST be a montage any additional photographs of that entry will be removed.
- Each entrant is only eligible for one prize. In the event of an entrant winning more than one prize they will receive the prize of highest value - any subsequent prizes will be awarded to the next highest placed entrant.
- All entries must be new work.
- You give Wamp and Ironwind permission to use your pictures for publicity (but you do retain owenrship) .
- You may post pictures of WIP or final shots both here and elsewhere .
- Judging will be decided by Public Poll .
- Submissions must be posted to the Ironwind album located here.
- All entries must feature Ironwind or Ral Partha miniatures only. The items must have been available to buy from Ironwind within the last 6 months ( it doesnt matter when YOU bought yours as long as they were stocked in the last 6 months .You may use accesories and bases from other companies as long as the piece is inherently Ironwind.
- You may enter a single miniature,diorama full 300 piece battle scene - whatever you like as long as its Ironwind.
- You may enter pieces that were also entered into the Little Angels contest.

Any problems or questions then feel free to ask here or pm me.



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# Basing Techniques



## How to use Real Plants in your Miniature Bases by Darklord

This quick tutorial will show you how you can use real plants in your bases and dioramas and open up a real treasure trove of unusual materials that add interest and are free to use.

Tools and Materials needed:

» Plants

» Glycerin

» Absorbent paper (i.e. kitchen roll)

» Water

» Small container

First a couple of little pointers. This technique can be used on any type of plant but results can vary. Generally the more ‘woody’ the plant the better. Normally once you cut a plant the cutting will begin to dry out losing its water, this kills it and destroys the structure. This process solves that problem by replacing the lost water with glycerin which acts like an embalming fluid and retains the plants structure.

Results can vary even with the same type of plant so I recommend you do this in advance of when you need the plants. I do batches every now and again and keep them in my bit box, no special requirements. Some have been in there for well over a year and are still as good as new. If you do it in advance like this then any plants that it hasn’t worked on can be removed. This prevents the risk of using plants then later finding they wither away. If it’s going to fail it will happen with 48 hours generally so after this your safe!

## Step 1

Collect some plants! I like to use mosses as they scale well and you can just pull them from the rock but try anything, small herbs like thyme can be good. For this tutorial I just popped in the garden and grabbed some moss - took me about 1 minute and found a good variety.

## Step 2




For this stage you need some Glycerin. It is available from chemists over the counter (its often used as a children's medicine) It isn't harmful and you need no bio-hazard suit for it!! It's pretty cheap, the bottle pictured was about £1.20 and lasts an age. You will also need a small container and some water.

You need to mix roughly 1 part Glycerin to 10 parts water in the container. Give it a good stir so its properly mixed. Next take your plants and dip them in the mixture, make sure they are well covered then remove and place on some kitchen roll or newspaper. This will soak up the excess. Some plants you may want to turn over after an hour to soak both sides. Then simply leave to dry (overnight if possible) After 24 - 48 hours most plants that didn't succeed the process will have wilted by now so you can discard these. The rest you are free to use. If you do a batch every now and again then you will always have a stockpile at the ready and any that are good by then will remain good.



## Step 3



Now the fun bit!! Stick them on your bases and give them a real wow!

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Any questions feel free to ask

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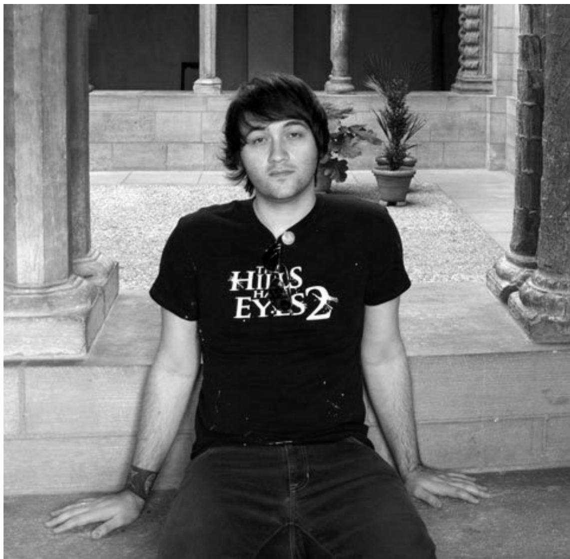
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| Ulfgrimr<br>16-07-2010 | Lovely stuff Brett, been wondering how it was done and now I know - many thanks. Does the foliage go woody over time or does it retain it's spring? and how paintable is it once the glycerin treatment has been applied? |
| Darklord<br>16-07-2010 | As long as the Glycerin 'takes' it should remain pretty much as is, it does vary from plant to plant so I would experiment. Not sure on paintable though - never tried it |
| shanerozzell<br>16-07-2010 | Superb tutorial Brett. I'm gonna do some this weekend |
| Boris<br>16-07-2010 | Great timing! I'm planning on collecting a whole load for an IMP workshop - didn't know about the glycerin though - I've just dried them out in the past. I will pick some up in the next couple of days to prep for the workshops. Thanks DL! |
| shanerozzell<br>16-07-2010 | Ok, update.... I was gonna harvest some little plants this weekend so I showed this thread to my better third and she said that if I go anywhere near our back garden with scissors......... Well, tail-less wonder came into the conversation. So I can either wait and nick bits from either my mums or my sisters or I can gather some.... Ninja-Style |
| MaGie<br>16-07-2010 | Thanks so much for a great tutorial. It looks amazing, very realistic! Think I'm going to crawl around my garden for some moss. I do wonder though... doesn't the glycerine make the plants sticky? |
| NeatPete<br>16-07-2010 | Great tutorial Brett thank. The last time I tried this they still wilted. I'll hae to try it on some other types of plants this time. |
| SkelettetS<br>16-07-2010 | great article, have to pick up some glycerin asap! :) many thanks! |
| Coneman<br>17-07-2010 | Nice article Brett. Ironically, last week I was talking to a friends brother about the plants on his ww2 dioramas and he produced some large plastic containers from his cupboard full of various mosses that he had collected and cured in this same way, last night my friend came over and handed me 2 containers full of it and told me to take what I wanted. |
| Jabberwocky<br>17-07-2010 | Fantastic article! I've been waiting for an explanation on how this was done. Hopefully, I can get some moss to try this out on |
| Boris<br>17-07-2010 | My local Boots only stocked the honey flavoured glycerine and were suspicious of me wanting it plain - I've seen Fight Club, I know what he meant! I told him I wanted it for modelling to embalm some moss - I don't recommend any one else taking this approach unless you like looking like a complete weirdo! |
| Darklord<br>17-07-2010 | Originally Posted by MaGie<br>Thanks so much for a great tutorial. It looks amazing, very realistic! Think I'm going to crawl around my garden for some moss. I do wonder though... doesn't the glycerine make the plants sticky?<br>nope dry normally |
| Vern<br>17-07-2010 | Cheers Brett, top tutorial - now to get some glycerine |
| NeatPete<br>17-07-2010 | Yeah I remember when I asked at the grocery store they all gave me wierd looks. I couldn't figure out why and I couldn't find it. I had to ask again for someone to show me and the person was all wierd about it and took me to the section where they keep all the lube and walked off. Akward! |
| Simon.W<br>18-07-2010 | Excellent tutorial DL with some very useful information. I have always wondered if there was some other process involved aside from just getting the foliage moss etc and now i know, next to get some glycerin and give it a try. |

# What's on the Horizon?

## Here we look forward to seeing what's happening on or around WAMP over the next 30 days.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Competitions, Shows and Ladder Challenge Deadlines are all shown on the WAMP calendar and here in its sister publication Portal. If we missed anything then get in touch at our usual email address and don't forget to post new and up and coming events on the WAMP forum calendar. You can get to it by click here!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 15 Aug | 16 Aug<br>✚ Sprout v. Wargriffon Ladder deadline | 17 Aug | 18 Aug<br>✚ Darklord v. TaleSpinner - Ladder deadline | 19 Aug<br>✚ Crayfish (20) | 20 Aug | 21 Aug |
| 22 Aug | 23 Aug | 24 Aug | 25 Aug | 26 Aug<br>✚ AngelicOne (37) | 27 Aug | 28 Aug<br>✚ Ladder challenge - Darklord v Talespinne (...)<br>✚ italaerei (35)<br>✚ Cybersquig1 (27) |
| 29 Aug | 30 Aug | 31 Aug<br>✚ ixminis (42) | 1 Sep | 2 Sep | 3 Sep | 4 Sep<br>✚ EldinTux v. Kester - Ladder deadline |
| 5 Sep<br>✚ Nameless v. MaGie - Ladder deadline<br>✚ exilesjjb v. waghorn41 - Ladder deadline | 6 Sep<br>✚ demonherald (36) | 7 Sep | 8 Sep | 9 Sep<br>✚ chaney_insaney (38)<br>✚ Mrs Darklord (??) | 10 Sep<br>✚ ebayjay (39) | 11 Sep<br>✚ Model Expo (Aus)<br>✚ Tonbo (35) |
| 12 Sep<br>✚ Model Expo (Aus) | 13 Sep | 14 Sep | 15 Sep<br>✚ amon chakai (25) | 16 Sep | 17 Sep | 18 Sep |



# Profile: poots

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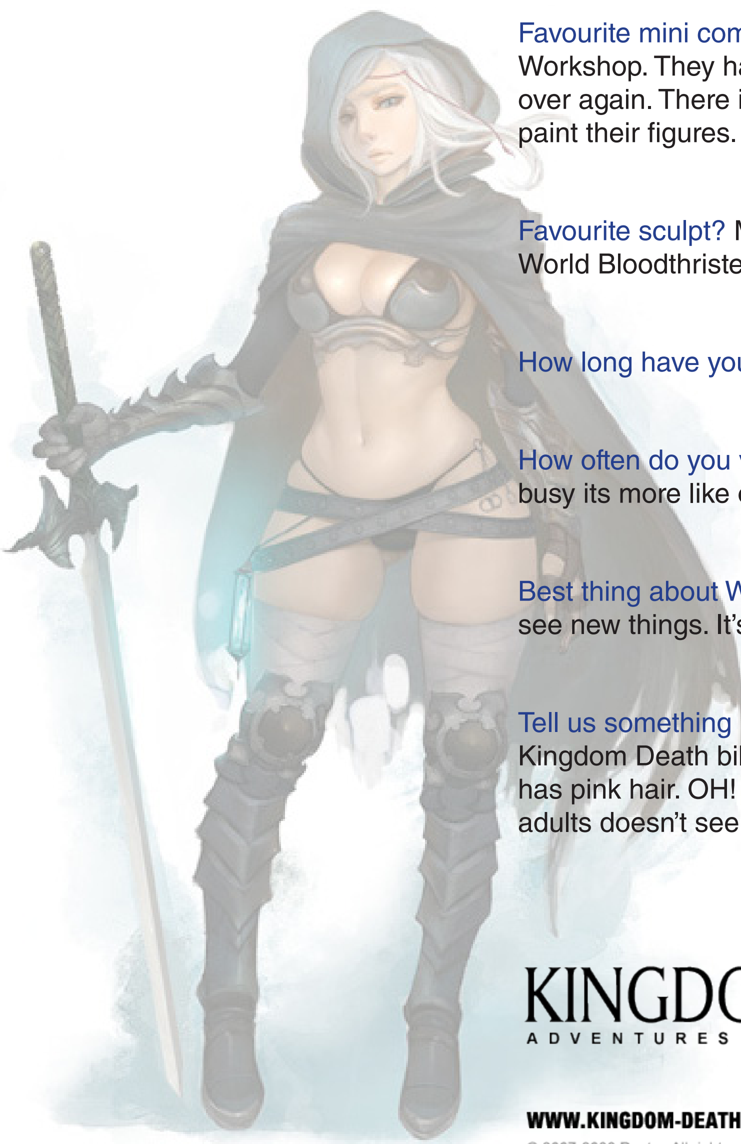
Alias: poots

Website: www.kingdom-death.com

Wamp member since: 17th June 2009

Bio: 28 from Brooklyn New York, and I'm a senior concept designer

Paint, sculpt or game? I paint, do minor modifications and play a number of board and tabletop games. (Dungeon Crawls are my favourite and I'm stoked that so many new ones are coming out soon!)



Favourite mini company? I would have to say good old Games Workshop. They have captured my attention and imagination over and over again. There is also something to be said about how simple it is to paint their figures. (Unlike a certain company...)

Favourite sculpt? My Favourite sculpt of all time has got to be the Forge World Bloodthrister. It's just... So damn cool!

How long have you been in the hobby? Since I was 10 so... 18 years?

How often do you visit Wamp? I try to visit once a day, but I am just so busy its more like once every 2-3 days.

Best thing about Wamp? The people. Friendly, open minded, HAPPY to see new things. It's really just a fantastic place that is nurtured well.

Tell us something interesting about you? My full time job pays all the Kingdom Death bills. I sleep with stuffed raccoons and my girlfriend has pink hair. OH! I also only watch cartoons for children, television for adults doesn't seem to hold my attention.

# Wamp Acadamy No.1



## A Beginners Guide to Miniature Painting by Darklord

Welcome to the guide number one. The aim of this guide is to give beginners an easy introduction into painting miniatures right from opening the box to putting it on display. This first guide is aimed at complete novices though others may find it useful too!

We will cover preparation, priming, painting, basing and varnishing.

Roughly once a week a new part will be added complete with full pictures to help demonstrate the basics of miniature painting. Getting these things right will set you on the right path to creating masterpieces..

You don't have to be registered to partake but if you are it means you can post your work and gain feedback and get your questions answered.

I must mention that the techniques covered in this guide are aimed at beginners. There are often better techniques but these are often for more advanced hobbyists. The aim here is to create a base from which people can improve.

These techniques are ones I have personally used myself, so obviously this is my opinion on things. I am by no means an expert in the hobby far from it but I hope I have enough insight to help some others!

The guide will be updated in stages and added to this article so at the end there is one complete article covering the whole miniature.

Before we start I would like to let you know that there is a thread for you to post your comments, questions, photos etc to. The thread is located here.

## Step 1: Choosing A Miniature



The first step is to pick a miniature to use. It doesn't really matter what you choose but I would try and make it around 28mm in scale (that's roughly what Games Workshop, Privateer Press etc use) I would make it a single miniature on foot (i.e. not on a horse dragon etc!!) A one piece mini would also be good. By one piece I mean you don't need to glue parts together.

I have chosen Ghan-buri-ghan chieftain of the Druadan from Games Workshop's Lord Of The Rings Range. He's a pretty simple figure with just a few colours needed - an ideal mini for this!

First thing to do remove him from the package and have a look.



As you will notice he comes in 2 parts - the mini itself and the base. His arm has been cast separately so I will need to attach this with superglue later.

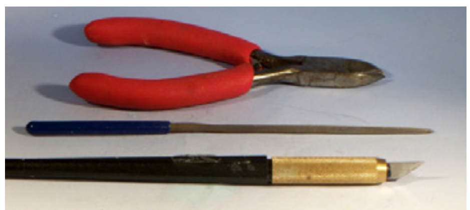
## Step 2: Preparation

Now before proceeding I just want to mention Preparation. Many people will take the mini from its packaging glue it together then on with the paint. It's a common mistake that beginners often make and taking a little time with preparation can be one of the biggest improvements you can make.

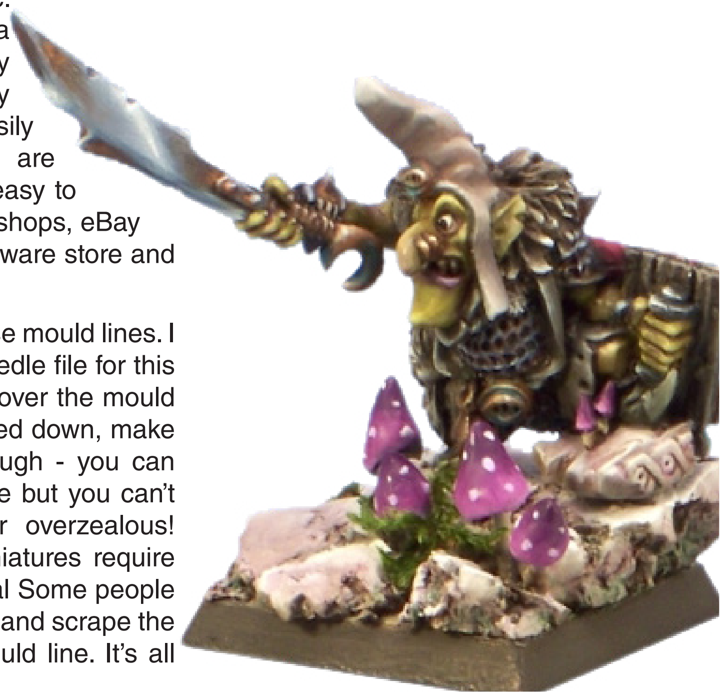



This is part of an arm from a plastic mini and you will notice a horrible line running along its length. This is a mould line and is an unfortunate part of the casting process. All mini's will have them - some are more noticeable than others. What they all have in common though is that once you paint a mini with a mould line still showing it will stick out like a sore thumb and be noticed. Mould lines have an in built energy field that draws your eye towards them - you think a Black hole has a strong pull - well they are nothing compared to a missed mould line! Take the time to remove them, it really is worth the effort.

Right, preparation, here is the tools you will need:



The first one is a pair of clippers - handy for snipping through sprues and larger bits of metal. Next up is a needle file - for removing those pesky mould lines, smoothing joints etc. Lastly we have a sharp knife - pretty self explanatory - ones with easily replaceable blades are best. All these are easy to pick up from hobby shops, eBay or even a local hardware store and art shops



Now, to remove those mould lines. I personally use a needle file for this - gently run the file over the mould line until its smoothed down, make sure your not to rough - you can always remove more but you can't put it back if your overzealous! Plastic or resin miniatures require less force than metal Some people prefer to use a knife and scrape the blade along the mould line. It's all personal preference really. Most mould lines will run right across a miniature , for example a man stood still would usually have a mould line run from his foot up his side across the top of his head and down the other side to his foot. He would also have a mould line run up his inside leg and back down the other one. I always check a mini several times to make sure I have found them all. I also check after the mini has been primed -- easier to remove now than when you've painted half of it!

A note on cleaning.

Sometimes the casting process can leave a small residue on the mini that hinders painting. It is worth taking the time to clean the mini in soap and water to remove this (do this before any assembly)



## Step 3: Assembly

Hopefully you've chosen a simple mini so assembly is to a minimum. My mini had a separate arm so I glue this on using superglue. If your attaching anything metal always use superglue. I then needed to attach him to his base. He comes with a simple slottabase so the big metal tab sits in the gap. A couple of quick tips here:

» I will bend the tab slightly (maybe 1-2mm) so that it wedges in the slot - this creates a stronger fix.

» When I glue the tab in place I make sure the tab is 1-2mm above the level of the base so when I add the basing material it doesn't look like his feet are sunk into the ground!

Once glued to the base there is usually some small gaps left in the slot. I take a small amount of blue tack just to plug the gap so the basing material has somewhere to sit!!

When this is done I take some PVA glue and add a little onto the base - I then spread this evenly using a cocktail stick or something similar. Once done I grab my little tub of sand/gravel mix and 'dip' the mini in base first - this covers the base with the mix. Wait a couple of seconds then remove him and gently tap the side of the base to remove any excess.

Generally you want to use a fine sand for this; the mix I used has a few small pieces of gravel in to create interest. You can pick up sand from lots of places, the beach, builders yards, sand pits, hobby shops etc. The finer stuff is better for the scale of these minis.

You may wonder why I add the basing material now rather than later? Well two main reasons, the first is it can be messy - best to do this before you've spent all that time painting him then risk ruining your good work. Second reason is if you do it now then the base gets primed too; this gives a better key for painting it and the primer creates a small covering that smooth's out the material a little creating something a little more natural.





## Step 4: Priming

What is priming? Simply put priming is coating the miniature in a 'basecoat' that will help the paint stick to the mini. Specially made primer creates what we call a 'key' this is basically a rough surface for the paint to adhere to making it easier to paint and also helps prevent the paint rubbing off. I use a grey primer (it's actually a car primer) but you can use black or white or any colour really. I just find grey makes it easier to see the details on the mini. Now to prime my mini I take a piece of wood, just an off cut of 2x1 that's about 2ft long. I take some blue-tac and attach the minis base to the stick (check its reasonably secure!!) I then give the can of primer a good shake and holding the stick at one end I start to spray the mini. Don't overspray the mini, if you do it will ruin a lot of the details on the mini. I do a couple of quick passes on each side with light bursts on the nozzle. I don't aim to cover every tiny bit of bare metal - more just a general covering. Less is more here!

Then leave your mini to dry and this portion of the guide is complete. Remember any questions you have or if you would like to show us your mini so far then feel free to post here

# RED BOX GAMES

Its time for us to have another new sponsor for one of our contests this year and so we turn to one of our very own wampers in the form of Redbox Games run by our very own Tre.

Redbox produce some great minis, more of which can be seen *here*. Something for most tastes and good value too. This should be a great contest!

**The deadline for this contest is**

## 6pm GMT
## 27th September 2010

**deadline for supporters is 30th September 2010**

## The Prizes

1st - $75 worth of Redbox miniatures

2nd - $50 worth of Redbox miniatures

3rd - $25 worth of Redbox miniatures





### The Rules

- You must be a Wamp Member to participate.
- You may enter as many times as you like but each entry may only submit one photograph so if you need more angles it MUST be a montage .
- Any additional photographs of that entry will be removed .
- Each entrant is only eligible for one prize. In the event of an entrant winning more than one prize they will receive the prize of highest value - any subsequent prizes will be awarded to the next highest placed entrant.
- All entries must be new work.
- You give Wamp and Redbox Games permission to use your pictures for publicity (but you do retain ownership).
- You may post pictures of WIP or final shots both here and elsewhere .
- Judging will be decided by Public Poll.
- Submissions must be posted to the Redbox Games album located *here*.
- All entries must feature Redbox Games miniatures only. The items must have been available to buy from Redbox Games within the last 6 months ( it doesn't matter when YOU bought yours as long as they were stocked in the last 6 months .You may use accessories and bases from other companies as long as the piece is inherently Redbox Games.
- You may enter a single miniature,diorama full 300 piece battle scene - whatever you like as long as its Redbox Games.
- You may enter pieces that were also entered into the Little Angels Contest.
- Any problems or questions then feel free to ask here or pm me.



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# Scott Radom's Avatars of War Winner



What an Honour! I was told that my pic was going to adorn the first ever cover to "Portal!", which was cool. The picture is of the 28mm Mini "Goblin King" from the excellent Spanish company Avatars of War. I painted this mini specifically for the contest on the WAMP forum that was being sponsored by Avatars of War. It's a fun range, and I always enjoy painting their miniatures. In fact this is the THIRD time I have painted this specific mini. Which has been an interesting experience as each time it represented a different stage of my continuing journey to push myself towards improving my painting skills and how far WAMP has helped me in that regard.

The first time I painted this miniature I got several helpful tips like "Try painting with BOTH eyes open" and "Maybe use a brush next time instead of your fingers.". The advice helped me push to a better result on my second attempt. The advice I got that time was the stuff that I really needed to hear like "Try using more dilute paint." and "Add a little of this colour to the face." and the sort of small nit picky details that are hard to see for yourself but make a lot of sense when someone else points them out. Better even than the advice was the patience the fellow WAMP'ers and other members of the Online painting community have shown me. Even better than getting told what to do, is getting told HOW to do it. I recieved that, and continue to get great tips, advice, and encouragement every day.

I am pleased to say that the third time was a charm, and the miniature pictured was lucky enough to win first prize in the Avatars of War contest on WAMP. Waddaya know! Thanks very much to everyone for continuing to help me push forward and meet my goals in mini painting.

-Scott Radom, Canadian!

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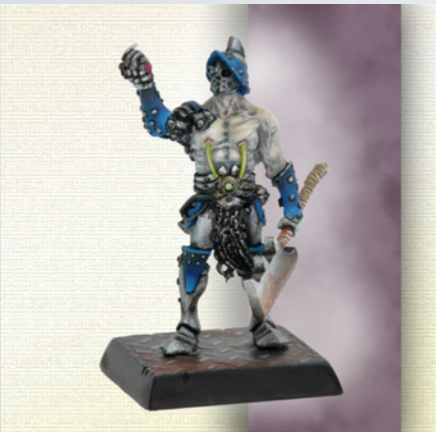


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AOW Comp 3rd Place



Brutal: True Human
Shane Rozzell
Monthly Comp 2nd Skin isn't always pink



The Beast
Darklord
Monthly Comp 3rd Skin isn't always pink



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MaGie
Monthly Comp 4th Skin isn't always pink



Maulg, the king of battle!
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We apologise if we missed your picture out of the gallery this month but, as you know gallery space in Portal is very limited. We will endeavour to include you images next month. Please also understand that re-production size is limited to the original size of the image upload. There will be more gallery pages next month so there is plenty of motivation to put brush to lead!




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# What's in Next Issue?




**To be honest we don't know yet! That's because it's up to you. You're the copy writers and artwork suppliers to our new e-zine and www.wamp-forum.com the site that gave birth to it.**

**One thing we can promise is more,**

- **News**
- **Reviews**
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- **and load more Miniatures**

***... just as long as you keep posting them :-p***

# 8 REASONS TO JOIN WAMP

While everyone can read the content on Wamp to their hearts desire there are even more benefits to registering on the friendliest mini-painting site around. Registration is simple and FREE!!

1. You can enter and vote on all contests.

2. You can post in the forums, including the Work In Progress and display cabinet sections - great places to get feedback.

3. You get your own personal gallery on the site where people can comment and rate your work if you wish.

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